THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 17th May 1954.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTION.

Location of offices of Heads of Departments of the Andhra State in Madras City.

* 66 Q.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number and names of offices of Heads of Departments of the Andhra State which continue to be located in Madras City; and

(b) whether the Government have ascertained from the Andhra Government as to when they are likely to be shifted to the territory of Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (a) All offices of the Heads of Departments of the Andhra State except those of the Inspector-General of Police and Chief Engineers of the Public Works Department, are still located in Madras City.

" (b) These Andhra offices in Madras City are located in private rented buildings, and they will be shifted to the Andhra area as and when the Government of Andhra are able to make suitable arrangements for locating these offices in the Andhra State. This is the arrangement agreed to at the time of the partition."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Sir, are the Madras Government getting anything by way of rent? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have stated, Sir, that these offices are located in private rented buildings in the City. So, there is no question of the Madras Government getting any rent."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

District Advisory Committees functioning under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors.

4 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased :

(a) to lay on the table of the House a list of the District Advisory Committees functioning under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors showing details regarding the constitution and purpose of each of the committees; and

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(b) to state whether there are any similar Taluk Advisory Committees for different purposes?

A.—(a) & (b) A list [a] containing the information is attached.

Progress of Araniar Irrigation Scheme.

5 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased :

(a) to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the progress of Araniar Irrigation Scheme, the establishment sanctioned for the work, the expenditure on the work till 30th September 1953 and the amount of Central Government grant allotted for the work; and

(b) to state how far the land acquisition work on either side of the State border has been completed and whether the Andhra State has been addressed for ensuring early completion of the work?

A.—(a) (1) *Progress made in the execution of the Araniar Project.*—Camp buildings for immediate requirements have been completed. The bund has been formed from L.S.O. to 750 and L.S. 9,600 to 11,800. Sinking wells in the river for cut off arrangements is in progress.

Surattapalli anicut.—The construction of the anicut is nearing completion. The stage of construction up to the end of January 1954 is as follows :—

(i) *Body-wall.*—300′ 0″ length has been completed. For 190′ 0″ body-wall has been raised for 2′ 0″ height. For the balance length, viz., 26′ 0″ piles were sunk.

(ii) *Groyne wall.*—Built to a height of 13′ 0″ out of 14′ 0″.

(iii) *Scour and head sluices.*—Walls raised to a height of 14′ 0″ above floor level.

(iv) *Flood bank formed*—

Right side—1,000′ 0″.
Left side—200′ 0″.

(2) *Establishment sanctioned for the work*—

I. *Public Works Department staff*—

The following establishment was sanctioned and it was continued up to 31st March 1954 :—

Headworks Division—

One Executive Engineer.
Three Assistant Engineers.
Twelve Supervisors.
One Divisional Accountant.
One Head Clerk.

[a] **Printed as Appendix I on pages 186- 196 infra.**

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Headworks Division—cont.

Five Upper Division Clerks.
Six Lower Division Clerks.
One Draftsman, II Grade.
Three Draftsmen, III Grade.
One Tracer.
One Typist.
Twenty-two peons.

Anicut and Canals Subdivision—

One Assistant Engineer.
Five Supervisors.
One Upper Division Clerk.
One Lower Division Clerk.
One Draftsman, III Grade.
One Tracer.
One Typist.
Seven Peons.

For the office of the Superintending Engineer, Madras Circle—

One Draftsman, II Grade.
One Upper Division Clerk.

For the Chief Engineer's Office—

One Lower Division Clerk.
One Draftsman, III Grade.

***Establishment retained from* 1*st April to* 30*th April* 1954**—

Executive Engineer	One
Assistant Engineers	Two
Supervisors	Four
Divisional Accountant	One
Divisional Head Clerk	One
Upper Division Clerks	Four
Lower Division Clerks	Six
Draftsman, II Grade	One
Draftsman, III Grade	One
Tracer	One
Typists	Two
Peons	Nine

***Establishment retained from* 1*st May* 1954 *to* 28*th February* 1955**—

Assistant Engineer	One
Supervisors	Four
Upper Division Clerk	One
Lower Division Clerks	Two
Draftsman, III Grade ..	One
Typist	One
Peons	Five

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II. *Revenue staff for land acquisition works*—

One Special Deputy Collector.

One Special Deputy Tahsildar.

One Upper Division Clerk.

One Lower Division Clerk (as Special Revenue Inspector).

Two Lower Division Clerks (to work as Revenue Inspectors).

Two Lower Division Clerks.

Two Special Deputy Surveyors.

One Minor Irrigation Overseer.

One Typist.

Four Chainmen.

Seven Peons.

(3) *Expenditure on the work till 30th September* 1953 *is Rs.* 11,28,585.

(4) *Grant allotted by the Central Government.*—No grant from the Centre has either been applied for or sanctioned for this work.

(*b*) *Chingleput district.*—An extent of 20·47 acres in Repalapattu and 2·19 acres of lands in Suratpalli has been occupied by Public Works Department under emergency provisions. The extent of lands in Chingleput district for which notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act has been issued is 733·51 acres. The extent of lands under survey for acquisition is 358·44 acres in Mudiyur, and yet to be surveyed is 8·68 acres in Suratpalli. Notification will be issued only on completion of surveying by the Special Deputy Collector. Award has been passed in respect of 10·14 acres of land in Pisatoor village and the lands are to be handed over to Public Works Department after payments are made.

Chittoor district.—1,253·79 acres of lands have to be surveyed and acquired for the project in Chittoor district. Notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act has been issued.

The Andhra Government have been addressed to take steps to continue the acquisition proceedings in respect of lands required in Chittoor district and hand them over to this Government. The Andhra Government's reply is awaited.